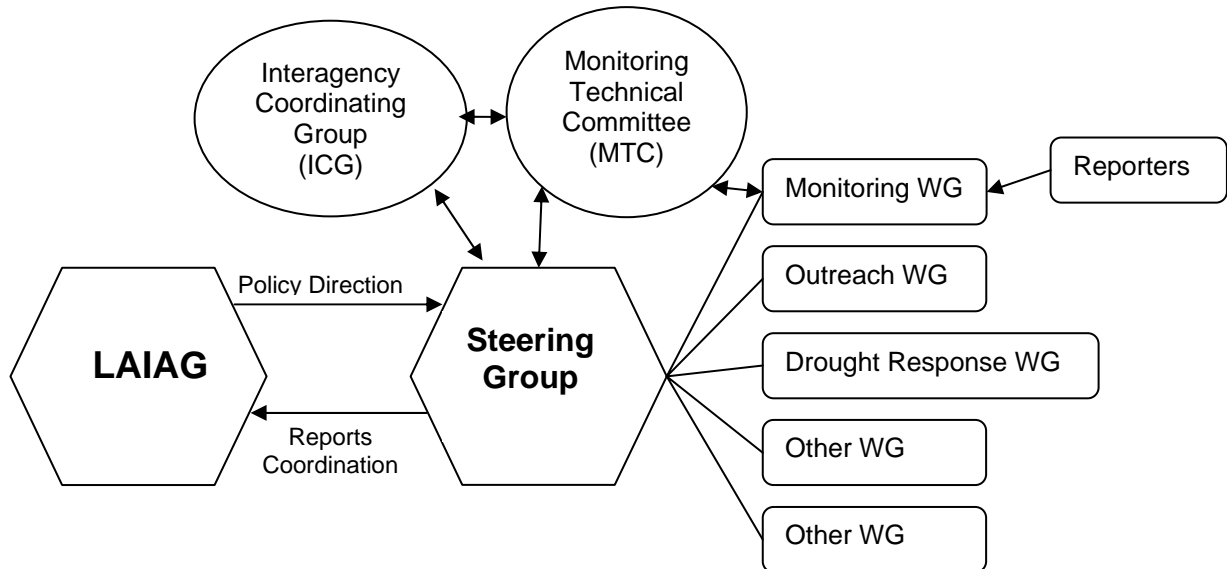


LAIAG Meeting Notes – 4/27/06

1. Introduction of attendees and an overview from the last meeting was provided.
2. Discussed the Steering Committee Recommendations for the LAIAG Structure

ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART



Local Area Impact Assessment Group (LAIAG) – All interested persons/organizations.

- Identifies priorities, sets program direction and approves decisions as needed.
- Members of the LAIAG serve on various work groups to accomplish tasks.
- All individuals interested in participating in the meetings would have a vote.

Steering Group – Nine member volunteer group appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.

- Identifies how to accomplish tasks, makes recommendations to LAIAG.
- Coordinates and monitor efforts/progress of the LAIAG and workgroups.
- Recruits members to workgroups, assures adequate representation from various areas.
- Convenes LAIAG when drought triggers occur and when input/approval is needed.
- Determines frequency of LAIAG meetings.

Steering group composition: (terms staggered to start, then all 2 year terms)

2 year terms

- 1 City Government rep.
- 1 Zone 8 NRCD rep.
- 1 Farm Bureau rep.
- 1 Water Provider rep.
- 1 Ft. Huachuca rep. (if decline, it would be an At-Large Rep.)
- 1 County government rep.

1 year term

- 3 At-Large reps.

Appointment process:

- Individuals will complete an application of interest to serve by May 25, 2006.
- The Board of Supervisors will then review and appoint the nine member steering group.
- The steering group will select their chair and vice-chair.

Work Groups (WG)

- Workgroups to be identified as needed.
- Responsible for specific tasks to work on and complete.
- Workgroups will report directly to the Steering Group.

Monitoring Work Group (preliminary list)

- Identify and recruit "impact reporters" from various areas in each watershed.
- Collect and submit credible information on local impacts.
- Submit precipitation totals through the Volunteer Rain Gauge Network to document spatial variability.
- Verification of the Monitoring Technical Committee (MTC) analysis and interpretation.

The following Work Groups responsibilities will be defined when all Steering Group members are in place:

Outreach & Education Work Group

Drought Response Work Group

Other Potential Work Groups

Outcomes

- The Draft Organizational Flow Chart was accepted as presented. Near the end of the meeting it was decided to add the interaction of the LAIAG with the Interagency Coordinating Group (ICG).
- The Local Area Impact Assessment Group, Steering Group and Working Group structures, membership, and responsibilities were accepted as presented. There was discussion on making sure that there were not limitations to the number of times Steering Committee members could be re-appointed.

Steering Committee Application Recommendations

- Suggested changes to the Steering Committee Application included: 1) instead of a write-in for the group representing, have the rep. titles on the form with check boxes or circle one, 2) add to the question about interest in serving something that gets deeper into their skills and experience, or their background (see revised application below).
- The Steering Committee Application should be mailed along with the ADWR fact sheet and a short memo to the entire LAIAG mailing list and those individuals should also solicit additional people to apply. The application should be mailed out Monday, May 1st and a news release should be written. The applications will be mailed back to Cooperative Extension and then forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors for consideration. Applications are due on May 25th and the Board of Supervisors will make appointments by June 15th.

Revised Application - Cochise County Local Area Impact Assessment Group (LAIAG) Statement of Interest to Serve on the Steering Group Application

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please check the group you would be representing:

- ☐ City Government
- ☐ County Government
- ☐ Farm Bureau
- ☐ Ft. Huachuca
- ☐ NRCD Zone 8
- ☐ Water Provider

___ Other (please list): _____

Why are you interested in serving on the LAIAG Steering Group? Please include your relevant background and/or any special skills/experiences that will be beneficial to serving on the LAIAG.

3. Discussion on Data Collection Form

Data Collection Form Input

- Alex McCord passed out copies of a rough draft of a potential form to be used for local monitoring. People could send in paper copies, electronic copies or submit via a web site.
- Specific suggestions included: adding a place to submit monthly rainfall, making sure that people could retrieve previously submitted reports, putting the most important indicators at the top of the form, having a reporter identification system, and limiting the form to one page that will take a minimum of time to fill out.
- Need to determine how often items need to be reported.
- Include an option to include photos.
- Cooperative Extension will send out electronic copies to those in attendance for more specific input. Input needs to be back to Alex by May 15th.
- Monitoring categories for municipalities might include: use/capita (utilization of water), cost of providing, strains on delivery, cost/capita, depth of well water, and growth issues.

4. Workgroup Interest Sign Up

- Tabled until the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting – Douglas Visitor Center, June 22, 2006, 1-3 p.m.

Other Items

- There is a need for long term strategies, knowing that we live in an arid environment. We need not forget about drought just because it starts raining.
- Alex referenced the hydro illogical cycle cartoon found at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/plan/cycle.htm>.
- Jim Graham said there would be a water forum in Willcox on June 23. The theme for the event is "Whose Water Is It" and is being hosted by the Cochise County Farm Bureau and the Willcox Playa Watershed group. The event will be held in the evening at the High School Cafeteria and will include dinner. Details are still being finalized.